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Wow, you really know how to cripple the farming industry in this state! Suppose you "win" the lawsuit against the farmers who have done so much to support Alaska Grown and make it popular. Without help and support from the farmers, the logo will probably wither and die because we will promote something else and make it popular too. What a shame! I can't wait for the public to learn that the Division of Agriculture has sent and received 45,000 e-mails condemning or concerning Alaska Grown.

Matanuska Maid and the state are directly responsible 100 percent for the failure of dairy farmers at Point MacKenzie. Yet you spend hundreds of thousands of state dollars to save Mat Maid, even though it is selling mostly Outside milk. I hope that you wear your logo with pride, as you have already caused Alaska farmers much grief with your lawsuit. You can't strong-arm us if we choose to abandon the promotion of Alaska Grown, and the logo won't be the same even if you do "win" the lawsuit. The agricultural community has already suffered losses of about $100,000 in legal fees to defend the logo. That amount makes the division's efforts even smaller because the Division of Agriculture has done nothing for farmers, nor do I expect it ever to with the contentious climate that now exists.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 1:46 PM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Cc: Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Fw: letter to editor - Frontiersman

Ugh. Jusy fyi

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 21:44:08

To:"K Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Frank Bailey" <ftb907@yahoo.com>

Subject: Fw: letter to editor - Frontiersman

Holy geez. Kris- plks give franci a head's up.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 13:11:19

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: letter to editor - Frontiersman

Governor-

We are going to have Commissioner Irwin or Dick LaFever respond to this.

FYI

State works against farmers

Published on Thursday, October 18, 2007 10:27 PM AKDT

This is a message to Gov. Sarah Palin.

Your picture appeared on the front page of the Anchorage Daily News Oct. 15. You were wearing the Alaska Grown patch, sporting the logo you are suing the farmers for.

While supporting more tax on oil and gas, you are suing the farmers who produce a sustainable product for the state. Not only are the farmers being sued for their interest in promoting Alaska Grown, but you recently appointed Franci Havemeister as director to the Division of Agriculture. The only qualification she brought to the job was that she was your high school buddy. You passed up many more qualified people to choose her.

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From: Ann Rautio [arautio@ecs.org]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 1:37 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: Request for Input for 2008 ECS National Forum

Dear Governor Palin:

As your state liaison to ECS, I'm writing to encourage you to mark your calendar for the 2008 ECS National Forum on Education Policy, June 30-July 2, in Austin, Texas, and to ask for your input. This year, to make the meeting as relevant to our constituents as possible, we are asking our commissioners to share key issues that you are currently facing in Alaska that you would like addressed at the ECS National Forum.

Your suggestions will directly impact the topics and discussion themes that will be woven throughout the Forum program. Please forward your ideas to me by close of business on October 26. Thanks very much.

Ann Rautio

Assistant Researcher, National Center for Learning and Citizenship

State Liaison to Alaska

Education Commission of the States

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Denver, CO 80203-3460

http://www.ecs.org

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 8:57 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Todd
Subject: Re: Governor's Arts Awards

Pls contact aryne on that.

And Todd says he's not going to AFN so someone needs to cover banquet and rhonda announcement for me afterall. Hopefully he already worked with you guys on his change-of-mind about attending. Maybe we could get his grandma to attend? I think he wouldn't mind-i'll cc him in.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 08:32:57

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Governor's Arts Awards

This is an event that is in Fairbanks on the 26th of October, which would necessitate you staying up there another day/evening after your AFN speech on the 25th. Janice is working with Talis to attend on your behalf and I believe she has already regretted your attendance.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 8:24 AM

To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Mason, Janice L (GOV)

Subject: Fw: Governor's Arts Awards

Do u know what shes talking about?

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-----Original Message-----

From: <Aryne.K.Randall@wellsfargo.com>

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 11:24:27

To:<gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Governor's Arts Awards

Good Morning Sarah!

The Arts Council has reserved 2 seats for you at the Wells Fargo table if you attend. Please let me know what I should request for your dinner:

Beef Roulade

Coconut Lime Halibut

Roasted Root Vegetables

Thanks, Aryne J

Aryne Kay Randall

Assistant Vice President

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 7:44 AM
To: Katz; John W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: exporting

John- did Mike make sure Tom and Marty were in this loop? I didn't see their names on any cc's in the links of emails... and that's odd as they lead the gasline team. I haven't spoken with Mike yet about this issue- and I'm not sure within these links who wrote me a memo on the topic at the request of Mike?

I'll go ahead and cc in Tom and Marty and I'll ask Mike what the foundation is on this - it got confusing trying to follow the links.

Bottom line- did I say something wrong in the speech? What was it and who caught it, etc?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 10:00:27

To:"Beth (GOV) Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Pat Galvin" <patrick_galvin@dnr.state.ak.us>,"Joseph Balash" <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>,"Kris Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael Tibbles" <michael_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Sharon Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: RE: exporting

= P.S.

I noticed in today's media that = British Gas is actively talking about exporting Alaska gas to the Pacific = Rim. Quite rightly, they point to the transportation efficiencie= s that would be involved in a world wide system of trades and exchanges.&nb= sp;

Without belaboring the issue, = we have been told in recent days by FERC, DOE, and Senator Murkowski's = office that Congress would probably move quickly to foreclose such = exports. I suspect that we would get a similar response from other = nooks and crannies of DC if we asked the question. The reasons for = this posture are political and optical; they have little to do with the = merits.

I recognize that we can't = control what others say or what applications are filed under AGIA. = However, my recommendation is that Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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You found it! I am forwarding a memo I drafted for the governor = at Mike Tibbles request. As you will note, it deals with exports and = the Jones Act. I don't know whether the governor has seen it as I = didn't transmit it directly to her.

I'm aware that British Gas might file an AGIA application relating to = gas exports and that we may then have to face the issue. I would = recommend, however, that Privileged or Pe
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Thanks for following through on this.

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ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Beth

".= Alaska is underway with a viable plan to construct = a natural gas pipeline to transport North Slope natural gas to domestic and foreign markets.

Why is this such good news? Natural gas is the = cleanest of all fossil fuels, and will help bridge our nation's transition = to increased reliance on renewable energy sources. A natural gas pipeline = can easily use many existing oil pipeline corridors, infrastructure and = roads. This reduces impacts on sensitive Arctic environments by minimizing = the footprint. Alaska is deeply committed to progress on building a natural gas = pipeline.

Alaska recently enacted legislation that has = commenced a competitive process for qualified applicants to propose a = pipeline plan. To the best proposal, Alaska will contribute $500 million in = state matching funds. ."

From: John Katz [mailto:jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 1:18 PM

To: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Subject: Re: exporting

I was told = that there was a brief mention at the speech she gave to the Energy Forum = in Anchorage this week. If this isn't sufficient information, I will go = back to my source and ask for more.

Please note that = my email address has changed. My new email address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>= ;> On 10/17/2007 at 5:09 PM, in message <26DD787FB85C4048910C9A1D5D86=
651A6AE85D@SOAJNUMSG01.soa.alaska.gov>, "Leschper, Beth (GOV)" =
<beth.leschper@alaska.gov> wrote:

John:

I'm trying to = figure out where the Governor mentioned exporting natural gas.

Do you = remember the source?

Beth = Leschper

Deputy = Communications Director

Office of the = Governor

State of = Alaska

907-465-3443

907-723-1321

&n= bsp;

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From: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 7:35 PM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: FW: Eddie Burke got fired today

Did you see this? (I made it back to Anchor town late today.)

From:
Sent: Fri 10/19/2007 5:38 PM
To: PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored);
Subject: Eddie Burke got fired today

According to Dan Saddler, Eddie Burke was on the Aaron Sellbrig radio show today, explaining that he got fired today. Apparently, the oil industry was highly upset with Eddie because he kept playing the Jim Bowles/Bill Allen phone conversation. He said Dan Fagan went to the station manager and said either Eddie goes or I go, and I'll take all of my accounts with me.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 2:16 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Lyn McGee Joins Center for Women's Business Research

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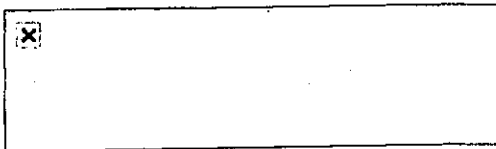
From: CfWBR Info [mailto:info@cfwbr.org]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 9:59 AM
To: CfWBR Info
Subject: NR: Lyn McGee Joins Center for Women's Business Research

Contact: Juanita M. Weaver
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Release Date: October 19, 2007

Lyn McGee
Joins Center for Women's Business Research
As Director of Marketing and Communications

Washington, DC – The Center for Women's Business Research announced today that Lyn Chamness McGee has joined the Center as director of marketing and communications. She will be the lead executive responsible for communicating the mission and accomplishments of the Center to a variety of audiences. Her first priorities will be enhancing the brand strategy and creating an interactive online presence for the Center.

Prior to joining the Center, McGee was a senior marketing officer at Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, a non-profit international organization that supports entrepreneurs solving social issues through large scale innovations. While in that position, she led their marketing communication strategies and fund raising campaigns.

"We are looking to Lyn to help us grow to the next level," said Margaret A. Smith, chair, Center for Women's Business Research. "Her wealth of experience in marketing and communications brings a fresh perspective and depth to our existing strategies. We welcome her to our senior staff."

Before joining Ashoka, McGee served as vice president of marketing for Telarix, a firm that uses emerging technologies to deliver call management solutions that make it easier for companies to participate in the global economy.

"It's exciting to work with an organization that is doing so much to advance the economic, social and political impact of women business owners," said Lyn McGee. "It forwards the cause of all women and helps shape a better society."

At MCI Communications, Inc., McGee held several positions over the course of her eleven years progressing from product manager of MCI's virtual voice service to a leadership position in sales where the organization she managed achieved a $15 million revenue goal.

McGee has fifteen years experience in the technology sector and has had a wide range of experiences in various sales and marketing roles. All of her experience has been focused on helping organizations use technology to improve their business operations, reach, and impact.

McGee is an avid outdoor enthusiast and recently completed her second sprint triathlon. She also volunteers in her parish community and as a Boy Scout den leader and a Girl Scout troop leader.

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About the Center for Women's Business Research
The Center for Women's Business Research provides data-driven knowledge that advances the economic, social, and political impact of women business owners. We do this by setting the national agenda; creating insight on the status and achievements of women business owners; altering perceptions about the economic viability and progress of women-owned enterprises, and driving awareness of the economic and social impact of this vital business sector. For more information, visit www.womensbusinessresearch.org.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 10:04 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: COHA Report: the current state of the OAS

From: Council on Hemispheric Affairs [mailto:mailinglist@coha.org]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 10:00 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: COHA Report: the current state of the OAS

A Council on Hemispheric Affairs Press Release

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The Organization of American States: On its Deathbed?

COHA - To Our Readers

Unfortunately, an older and unedited version of the COHA piece entitled "The OAS: On its Deathbed?" was inadvertently sent out to a very small cohort of COHA readers on October 17 before an error was discovered and the press run was immediately aborted. Due to a computer editing error, the author, Sean Bartlett did not catch that two different facts were spliced into one sentence. Jose Miguel Insulza, as a young man in his late twenties, was a political director in the Chilean Foreign Ministry under the Allende administration, eventually rising to the rank of foreign minister decades later under the second Frei Administration after returning from exile abroad during the Pinochet dictatorship. (He, of course, was not Chile's foreign minister under Allende as stated in the version that was sent in error). The error has been corrected and the author regrets this mistake.

- **Should the OAS be reconstituted with Canada and the US as observer nations, or can the US revise its role as both a leader and an ally that respects its own limitations?**
- **Sovereign rights are no meager subject**
- **Latin America needs its freedom and autonomy outside the OAS in order for it to grow**

Illness is not usually the equivalence of death. This aphorism is being applied by some to the health of the Organization of American States (OAS), the premiere regional organization and forum for the democratic nations of the Western Hemisphere. As the international political landscape has evolved from the Cold War to the Wars on Drugs and Terror, the United States, the OAS' proverbial elephant, has diverted much of its attention to events occurring outside of the region. Thus, today it almost seems to be a fallacy that as

goes the U.S., so goes the OAS. In terms of investment and trade matters this may be a legitimate concern, but the long-term political, economic, and social thrust of the other Western Hemispheric nations does not seem to be adversely affected by a cut-back in U.S. attention to the region. In fact, many of them have thrived, with a number of them welcoming a lesser role for the U.S. because this will allow for pluralism, diversification, and experimentation now that Washington's often heavy hand has been lightened. However, a lesser role that has translated to the U.S.' virtual disappearance concerning hemispheric affairs in the last several years was not originally envisaged. The subsequent result has been a growing number of voices inviting inquiry as to the contemporary relevance of the OAS.

Full article..

This analysis was prepared by COHA Research Associate Sean Bartlett

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